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For more news on grant and scholarship opportunities check out the [blog](#) on [GenV.net](#). Email [Price](#) or post on the blog if you have any questions.



College Interview

With so many Venturers headed to college, YVNE thought it would be fun to take some time to see how they are enjoying college life. We sat down with Melina, Lead Venturer of Spread the Dough, to talk course loads, cupcakes and taking her Venture to the City of Brotherly Love.

YV: Mel, when we last spoke, you were packed and ready for freshman year. Take us through a typical day.

Melina: Typically, I wake up at 7:30 to catch the bus that runs to Haverford College for my 8:30 Arabic class. After Arabic I run back here to finish the rest of my classes then down to lacrosse practice. I finally start my homework around 9:00 and don't finish until about midnight.

YV: I heard your favorite class is Arabic, fact or fiction?

Melina: Arabic is easily the most demanding and straight up difficult class I've ever taken. Aside from the huge time commitment, the language itself is very difficult. However, it actually is my favorite class. The more I learn, the easier everything becomes and ultimately, the more enjoyable the language is. I find motivation in the opportunities that will present themselves once I master the language.

YV: Part of being a student-athlete is juggling multiple responsibilities, has running your Venture helped prepare you for college?

Melina: Spread the Dough has definitely helped me juggle all of my responsibilities. Because of Spread the Dough I have mastered time management through setting aside specific times in my week to work solely on the venture. I found the way I manage Spread the Dough is a great way to manage my lacrosse, academic and of course social life.

YV: Are you taking Spread the Dough to college? What do you have cooking in the community and on-campus?

Melina: We actually just opened a chapter at Bryn Mawr! We pick up the bread every Saturday at a local bakery and run it over to the local church! A few of my friends and I wake up at 7:15 (you have to take one for the team) and walk into town to this adorable little bakery called The Bakery House. They have the best cupcakes and muffins, so I motivate the girls with the prospect of a chocolate



cupcake at 8 in the morning (these cupcakes are delicious enough to lift the masses). I am planning on bringing Spread the Dough to Haverford College next...I hope to get some students into Philly bakeries. In fact, we have just sent in the last of the forms to become a 501(c)(3)! The project is really taking off and I couldn't be happier!

YV: Bryn Mawr is basically part of Philadelphia, are you feeling the Brotherly Love?

Melina: Despite going to an all women's college, I am TOTALLY feeling the Brotherly Love. In fact, my brother is trying to come and visit me for the weekend because he has friends in Philly and like I said, I go to an all women's college so he has to see what it's all about. He actually seems quite relieved because as he says, it's "one less thing to worry about." You know how big brothers can be.

YV: Mel, thanks for your time... Good luck this semester and Happy Halloween.

Melina: The pleasure is all mine! Have an awesome Halloween and try not to eat too much candy!

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Join New England Venturer Chloe Maxmin and bloggers from around the world to raise awareness about Climate Change.

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Global Entrepreneurship Week

[Global Entrepreneurship Week](#) is November 16-22, 2009. The week will connect young people everywhere through local, national and global activities designed to help them explore their potential as self-starters and innovators.

For more information check out www.unleashingideas.org.



National Conference on Student Leadership

Gather in the Nation's Capital with hundreds of student-leaders to exchange ideas, hear from other campuses and network with like-minded individuals.

Washington, DC: November 21-24

[Registration Information.](#)



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- Ernest Hemingway



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Not pictured: Becca Korduner



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